



Stokenham Area Primary School Newsletter 2025-26/21  
Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2026

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a really busy week in school, and first half of the Spring Term. Everyone has been amazing, and we are all ready for a restful half term break! On behalf of the staff team here at Stokenham we wish you all a good week and hope that the weather allows us to be outdoors in the fresh air. We look forward to seeing you refreshed and ready to go again on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February at 8.50am.



As you will see if you visit school regularly, we have our daffodils in front of the school just waiting to bloom in the coming weeks. They are a reminder that Spring is on its way.

Thank you to Sadie and the PTFA for a super Disco night on Wednesday, the children had such fun! Thank you to everyone; our parent volunteers and staff who helped with supervising duties and assisting throughout the evening.

This morning was the first of the PTFA Cake Raffle Draws. More details further in the newsletter on how to take part. Our first winner is Kaitlyn in Year 4. Her and her family are going to have such a wonderful treat tonight with the scrumptious cake that she won.



### **Devon County Football Finals - Pokémon Primary Schools Cup – County Round Success**

Yesterday, twenty of our Year 5 and 6 pupils travelled to the County Ground in Newton Abbot, home of Devon FA, to compete in the county round of the Pokémon Primary Schools Cup. Representing our school with both boys' and girls' teams, the children showcased an exceptional level of skill, teamwork and sportsmanship throughout the tournament.

Both teams played with determination, resilience and a wonderful sense of camaraderie. Their positive attitude—on and off the pitch—reflected the very best of our school values.

We are immensely proud of every pupil who took part. They demonstrated maturity, respect and enthusiasm, making the event a fantastic experience for everyone involved.

A huge well done to all the players, and thank you to families who supported the teams. A special thank you to Mr Turner, Mrs Haines and Mrs Simpson for being our pitch-side support - we really appreciate your help.



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## Year 5 Trip to Heatree

What a fantastic time Year 5 had at Heatree House. The torrential rain and cold winds did nothing to dampen their spirits; the children embraced every moment with enthusiasm and determination. Throughout the residential, they took part in a wide range of activities — archery, climbing and abseiling, low adventure, and the round house experience. Each challenge pushed them beyond their comfort zones, and they rose to the occasion with impressive strength and resilience. It was wonderful to see them working so well as a team, encouraging one another and celebrating each success, especially when things felt tough.

Our jam-packed days were fuelled by delicious meals and plenty of snacks, which the children were very happy to eat... even if they were slightly less enthusiastic about the clearing up afterwards. By the end of the week, we all returned home a little tired and bleary-eyed, but with a collection of fond memories that we will treasure for a long time.



## Ri Physics Master class at KCC

Some of our year 5's attended their first Royal Institution Masterclass at KCC this week. They learnt about forces affecting rockets, including gravity, thrust and drag. They then designed their own rocket and saw how far it would fly, powered by an air pump. They definitely went off with a blast!



### Reception Class Polar Explorer Visit

Reception class ended their Polar explorers learning with a visitor from the Antarctic! Local nurse, Claire, had just returned from the British Antarctic Survey and came to talk to the class about her experiences and answer their questions about exploring the Antarctic- what an amazing experience! They learnt it can take between 3 days to 8 weeks to get there, all about the animals and even got to dress up in British Antarctic survey kit!



In Year 4 this term, we have been creating still life images through collage. The children had to observe and paint the patterns they saw in front of them. Then they had to cut out the shapes and assemble them together. The trickiest part was adding the shadows.

In Science, the children conducted an investigation to measure the temperature of water. They practised accurately measuring using a thermometer. They also measured the temperature of water over a period of time and found that the water got cooler over time.

We had a slinky visitor in Year 4. We were lucky enough to be introduced to a very calm member of the snake family. We learnt all about its eating habits and the different types of snakes in the same family.



## Merry-Go-Round News

This week we have celebrated Children's Mental health week. Looking at what and who makes us feel safe. We talked about how we feel and how our adults and friends are always here to listen to anything we have to say. We ended our week with a pamper day, full of yoga, eye masks, massages, calm down music, face paints, nails and baking cupcakes. Have a fabulous half term"



## News from Stokenham Explorers

We are excited to be able to offer a new club for next half term.

NETBALL- this is now open to Year's 2 to 6, every Wednesday 3:30pm-4:30pm

BOOK NOW: <https://eequ.org/book/stokenham-explorers-wraparound-care-with-stokenham-explorers-20225>

As we are coming up to the Explorers' first birthday, we are offering 50% off all breakfast clubs in the month of March! Just apply code MARCH50 at checkout.

Our star players from football this week are: KS1- Jago, James and Theo, KS2- Jack and Euan.

Well done to everyone who has taken part this half term, it has been so good to see the team work and effort from all. Wishing all our Explorers and their families a happy and restful half term!

## PTFA Cake Raffle

As mentioned above – congratulations to Kaitlyn for winning our first monthly cake raffle. What a lovely treat for the beginning of the holiday! Thank you so much to Emily Brooking (Mum of Henry in Reception) for making this mouth-wateringly beautiful cake. Also thank you to all of you that took part in the draw this morning. There were many excited people eager to win! If your child would like to take part in the future draws please pop the correct money in an envelope marked 'Cake Raffle' to Mrs Lewis in reception. Entry is just £1 and you can buy as many entries as you wish. Please also write on the envelope:

- Name of entrant (if you have siblings within the school you can put multiple names)
- Year Group
- Amount enclosed
- Mobile number (I will send a text so you know it has been safely received. If you do not provide a mobile you will get a confirmation note via your child)
- \* Alternatively, you can pay for all future draws in advance. Please enclose £4 (or £8 or £12...) and clearly state on the envelope that it is for all remaining draws.

**The next draw is on Friday 13th March.** Please get your entries in early. Thank you and good luck. Caroline S (PTFA)

If you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Have a truly restful half term break.

With best Wishes

*T. Coulthard*

**Tess Coulthard**  
**Executive Headteacher**

### The Week Ahead

<b>Monday 16th to Friday 20th February</b>	<b>Half Term</b>
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	Abi Tucker Singing Lessons After-School Choir with Abi
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	Lunchtime Mindfulness Yoga club
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> February	Ri Classes at KCC Lunchtime Times Tables Club After School Laura Darvell Ecotherapy Club
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> February	Alan Inglis-Faulkner Drum lessons Lunchtime Recorder Club After School Arts and Crafts Club After School Football with Stokenham Explorers
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	Monica Chapman Music lessons Forest School Reception and Year 4

### Dates for your Diary

Day & Date	Times	Year	Event
<b>Wednesday 4 March</b>	<b>PM</b>	<b>3 to 6</b>	<b>Federation Gym and Dance Festival – Letter sent out</b>
Thursday 5 March	All Day	All	World Book Day – details to follow
Monday 9 March	PM	2	Dental Workshop - details to follow
Tuesday 10 March	AM	All	RNLI Lifeguards Assembly
Wednesday 18 March	All Day	All	Devon County Cricket Day – details to follow
Friday 20 March	All Day	All	Comic Relief Red Nose Day – details to follow. Link to donate is below: <a href="#">Just Giving is fundraising for Comic Relief</a>
Monday 23 March	PM	All	Book Fair All Week – details to follow
Monday 30 March	AM PM	R and 6 All	Tempest Photography Parent Consultations – details to follow
Tuesday 31 March	PM	All	Parent Consultations – details to follow
Wednesday 1 April	PM		Netball Festival – to be confirmed
Thursday 2 April		All	Last Day of Spring Term

Monday 20 April	AM	All	First Day of Summer Term
Wednesday 22 April		6	Sailing in Salcombe – details to follow
Wednesday 29 April		6	Sailing in Salcombe – details to follow
Monday 4 May		All	Bank Holiday – No School
Tuesday 5 May	All Day	3	Residential Day – letter sent out
Monday 11 to Fri 15 May	All Day	6	SATS Week
Monday 11 to Fri 15 May	All Day	5	Bikeability Week
Tuesday 19 May	PM	6	KCC Presentation to Year 6 pupils & parents
Mon 25 to Fri 29 May		All	HALF TERM
Wed 17 to Thurs 18 June	All Day	4	Residential – letter sent out
Mon 22 to Wed 24 June	All day	6	Residential – letter sent out
Wednesday 1 July	PM		Cross Country – to be confirmed
Thursday 2 July	All Day	6	KCC Induction Day – to be confirmed
Wednesday 8 July	PM		Swimming Gala – to be confirmed
Friday 10 July	PM	All	PTFA Fair
Wednesday 15 July	PM		Rounders Tournament – to be confirmed
Friday 17 July		All	Last Day of Summer Term

